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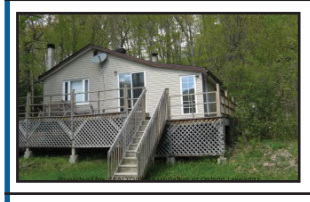

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A walk through the Sculpture Forest

GEORGE FARRELL

Special to *County Life*

Carved on the Canadian Shield is the name of the event that saw four renowned sculptors create a sculpture, right here in our county, from four pieces of white stone. The sculptors are Mary Ellen Farrow and John McKinnon from Canada, Jiri Genzer from the Czech Republic, and Carole Turner, an American living in Turkey. The finished sculptures were subsequently installed in the Sculpture Forest, and officially revealed at the opening there on July 25. The making of the sculptures is in celebration of the 150th birthday of Canada, Ontario, and Dysart et al.

I was not able to attend the official opening, but I knew that the sculptures were already in place, so I decided on a ramble in advance of the official event. There's been plenty of press coverage on the sculptors and their works, but I thought that I'd add my personal observations after a Forest walkabout. I wanted to visit some of my old favourites and also the new pieces, to see how they fit in.

If you haven't been to the Sculpture Forest, go, because there's a definite mystique to the place. The sculptures, while mute (with one exception), still manage to speak volumes, and the effect on me is always one of a not-unpleasant, reverential eeriness.

My walk started at the Haliburton School of Art and Design where I parked the van and let loose Weasel, our Jack Russell terrier. Off she bounded, across the field towards the beginning, or the end of the Sculpture Forest path, depending on which way you want to enter the Forest, which is basically horseshoed around the school.

I followed my doggie guide to Charles O'Neil's *Really Big Shoe.* Just past the shoe, into the woods proper, I came across an innocuous old mirror in a shapely frame, hung on a tree at eye-height. It was situated so that it reflected the image of all who passed along the trail, and it was disconcerting to see myself in a place where I least expected it.

I came next to *Evolution*, a red, metal, architecturally-inspired seat that emerges out of a rock. I always see it as a great fashion-shoot location for an upscale dress designer; but the seat is always devoid of a model's posterior.

Weasel. Where was that little beast? I whistled, and her answering bark led me to *A Walk in the Woods in Haliburton,* a previous offering by Farrow. The sculpture is of a bumptious, maple leaf-holding female. Weasel has done this walk before, and she insisted I follow her off-path to the hidden gem *Sleep of the Huntress,* a slumbering stone nude, who is perhaps awaiting a prince with the kiss of life. Weasel and I moved to some other favourites including: *Sound Vessel* where you can reach inside the metal monolith and create a carillon cacophony; Leo Sepas' *Moose Scraps*, made from found metals; and a George Pratt, which depicts kids riding on the back of a bear. After more satisfying sculpture sightings, following the insistent Weasel, we came upon the Forest newbies.

They were in a bright, rather featureless area, and seeing them so close to each other was a little unsatisfying. I expected to be able to savour each piece individually in its own intimate space.

With the exception of Farrow's stone canoe the new pieces are all abstract curliques, and circulars. Genzers *Harmony* is femininely sensual, expressing the concept of a harmonic relationship. McKinnon's twisted *Wind Dervish* depicts that natural phenomenon, frozen in time. Turner's *Storied Moons*, reminds me of giant rounds of cheese, but her notes on her piece say that it's about moons, and historic stories of their making.

Farrow's *Voyage* canoe invites interactivity and she invites children to climb in and play games. Weasel momentarily laid down in the canoe to cool off, and then she bounded away again, eager to discover something with a heartbeat.

There are more than 30 sculptures in the Forest, and I never get to see them all on the same day, which only makes me want to go back again to see what I missed. I came away contemplating on what had affected me the most.

It wasn't any of the sculptures, magnificent though they were, it was that old mirror at the beginning of the tour. I passed it again on leaving, and gave it the evil eye, which annoyingly, but obviously, it immediately gave back to me.

More information on the Sculpture Forest, the sculptors and sculptures, can be found at haliburtonsculptureforest.ca

People look at the sculpture *Voyage by* Georgetown's Mary Ellen Farrow, which was officially unveiled on Tuesday, July 25 at the Haliburton Sculpture Forest. *Voyage was* one of four new sculptures added to the Forest. Farrow also has the sculpture *A Walk in the Woods*, which was one of the first three sculptures installed at the Forest. /DARREN LUM Staff

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Fire in ’86 wipes building from main street

STEPHEN HILL
Special to *County Life*

This is the third and final installment in the series on the Grand Central Hotel and Lucas family.

Ownership of the hotel complex, [formerly the Grand Central Hotel owned by the Lucas family on the north side of Highland Street], with its various buildings and the land they sat upon, becomes confusing after the Lucas era. Without a property abstract at hand, the details are jumbled. The property was later subdivided; various owners/tenants/businesses occupied the site thereafter. A man named Morrison owned and operated the hotel for a short time before selling out to Saul Bernstein. Somehow, Bernstein was able to make arrangements with the CNR to run a water line under the railway tracks to Head Lake to supply the hotel with much needed consistent running water. This improvement was a definite asset. In 1945, the hotel was purchased by William and Lois Freeman. Freeman was a Cincinnati cottager who had married Lois Roberton of Haliburton. They purchased both the brick wing of the hotel and its attached frame buildings, i.e., the original hotel. The Lucas property on which the hotel’s livery barn was situated was not included in the sale, for it

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This photo was taken sometime in the late '40s or early '50s on Highland Street. the Highlander Hotel (formerly the Grand Central) is on the left by the F and B store (William Freeman and William Borden) and the Bank of Montreal. The building burned down in 1986. /Photo courtesy of the Haliburton Highlands Museum

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Hotel becomes restaurant, then dept. store

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had been severed by that time. Under the Freemans' management, the ramshackle verandah/balcony was torn off, the brickwork painted, and the name changed to the Highlander Hotel. They ran the hotel until 1946 or 1947, when it was sold to Robert Bishop Sr., his wife Jean, and family. Bob Bishop continued with the Highlander theme, but added a Scotsman's head, capped with tam, into the hotel logo. The Bishops operated the hotel until 1949, when they sold it to Walter Noice who ran it for a short time. As for the barn, it appears that Rex Boice was selling International Harvester trucks and equipment from there during the 1940s before moving across the street to the former W.R. Curry and Son garage (at the site of the present-day Bargain Shop), Currys having moved to their new garage at the Southeast corner of Highland Street and Maple Avenue in 1949.

It is likely that the Freemans themselves were the party who severed the original hotel buildings – the wooden structures – and the property they sat on from the brick part of the complex and its land. Although the Freemans relinquished the hotel business, they had a business arrangement with William "Billy" Borden of Haliburton, whereby the original frame portion of the hotel they had retained was to be torn down and replaced by a Five and 10 Cent store. The plan also included new premises for the Bank of Montreal. A fire in the wooden buildings early in 1946 not only threatened the downtown core, but damaged them beyond repair. They were subsequently torn down, as earlier planned, and replaced with a block and brick structure which housed the F and B store in the west half (Freeman and Borden), and the Bank of Montreal in the east half. Both businesses were operating there by 1947. While the Freemans' hotel days were over, they retained their interest in the store. In 1949, the Freemans dissolved their partnership with Borden and left Haliburton; Borden's store later became the Haliburton branch of the Grigg Company, a small Five and 10 Cent store chain with various Ontario franchises. Incidentally, it was this Grigg store/Bank of Montreal building that burned in 1956, taking the life of Haliburton fire chief Thomas Chambers. This disaster led to the formation of the present Haliburton Fire Department. The razed buildings were soon rebuilt after the fire in much the same plan.

Dr. Harry Good was a subsequent owner of the brick hotel building. He operated in partnership with an outside friend Gordon Ogg, later buying him out. The hotel dining room at the front west became the Frontier Restaurant, set up by Ed Harding of Minden in 1952. Later in the 1950s this became Dick Clarke's Thunderbird Restaurant; he also looked after renting the upstairs rooms on behalf of the owners. The front east room briefly housed Martin Best's clothing store. By 1966, the hotel was operating as the Landmark Hotel, with a restaurant downstairs and rented rooms above. In 1969, Dr. Fred Griffiths of Minden set up a department store known as "F.E.A. Griffiths," which occupied the entire ground floor. It went bankrupt in 1970. That year Vince Connaughan came to Haliburton and took over the building and set up a Stedman's Department Store. The kitchen wing was torn down in 1975 and replaced with a cement block two-storey wing with a basement, making it one of the largest business buildings in Haliburton County. On Aug. 24, 1986 (65 years to the day that Sir Sam Hughes passed away), the old hotel and the adjoining buildings were destroyed by fire; this also included the Irene Pollard building to the west of Stedman's, which had been built in 1952. Other than the humble barn, which escaped the flames that had threatened to envelop the entire north side of Highland Street, there ended, sadly, the John A. Lucas legacy on the village's main street.

Following "the Stedman's fire" as the 1986 tragedy came to be known, the re-building that took place saw the construction of the present Stedman's Mall. It sits on the site of the old brick hotel and the former Irene Pollard building and it houses V&S along with several other shops and ventures. Interestingly, while Stedman's is now known as V&S, it is still referred to locally by its old name. In Haliburton, some things never change! At the time of the fire, the Grigg store and Bank of Montreal premises had housed Stedman's toy department and Radio Shack respectively; the Dawson Building now occupies this site. The Village Barn survived the fire and is now known as The Village Barn, containing various shops.

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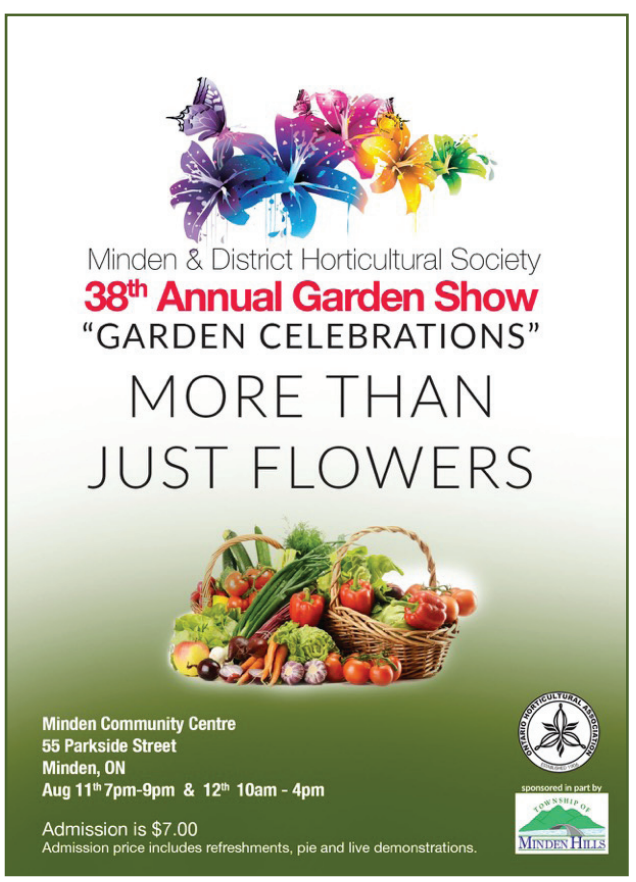

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Lily season by Jenn Watt

Top 10 reasons bird feeders are great

WHEN IT COMES to feeding birds, there are two schools of thought – ours and the birds'. Basically, they are all for it.

Maybe it's because I am bird-brained, but I happen to enjoy keeping a full bird feeder for many reasons. These are my top 10.

1. It's cable TV for cats.
2. If you pay attention you can quickly determine who the toughest squirrel in the neighbourhood is and learn to avoid him.
3. Squirrel watching is fun provided you grease the branch that the bird feeder hangs off.
4. You begin to figure out who the Angry Birds really are.
5. So long as the bears are eating that bird seed they are leaving your garbage alone.
6. It's fun to watch otherwise confident cats quiver at the sight of a wild turkey.
7. Four words: bare-knuckle squirrel fights.
8. It allows you to provide an excellent Trip Advisor rating from "Tweetie."
9. It's easier than feeding them by hand.
10. After the first three free visits, the chickadees will pay anything.

STEVE GALEA
Humour Columnist

Protect yourself from Lyme disease

The Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit reminds area residents, cottagers and campers to watch out for blacklegged ticks – or deer ticks – that can carry the bacteria that causes Lyme disease. Since 2011, the number of cases of Lyme disease in Ontario has been increasing, in part because blacklegged tick populations are expanding to more areas of the province. In the health unit's region, the eastern part of Northumberland County is now considered a "high-risk" area for blacklegged ticks.

"While blacklegged tick populations are known to live along the north shore of Lake Ontario and the St. Lawrence River, the reality is that people can encounter an infected blacklegged tick almost anywhere in Ontario," says Richard Ovcharovich, manager of environmental health with the HKPR District Health Unit.

Blacklegged ticks act as hitchhikers, settling on tall grasses and bushes until they can attach to a passing person or animal. Once attached, ticks will feed on the host's blood. If the blacklegged tick is infected with the bacteria that causes Lyme disease, it can pass the disease onto a person – especially if the tick has fed for more than 24 hours. If the tick is engorged or known to have been attached to a person for 24 hours, it's important to properly and completely remove the tick as soon as possible. In these circumstances, the health unit also strongly recommends people to seek medical attention. While Lyme disease can be serious, if detected early it can be successfully treated with antibiotics.

To reduce the risk of Lyme disease, the health unit offers these additional tips:

Cover up. Clothing is an important layer of protection, especially if walking along trails or through tall grass. Be sure to wear light-coloured clothing to make ticks easier to spot and remove before they bite. Wear closed footwear and socks and, when possible, wear long pants and a long-sleeved shirt. Tuck pants into socks, especially if walking in long grass.

Use insect repellent or bug spray containing DEET on clothes and exposed skin (follow manufacturer's directions).

Check for ticks. After being outdoors, people should get into the habit of checking their body for ticks. Pay special attention to the groin, scalp and armpits. A mirror can be useful to check the back, or ask someone else to check it.

Promptly and properly remove a tick from the skin to prevent infection. Using finely-tipped tweezers, grasp the tick as close to the skin as possible. Pull it straight out, gently but firmly. Thoroughly clean the bite site with rubbing alcohol and/or soap and water. If possible, place the tick into a screw-top bottle and take it to a health care provider or health unit. Testing can be done for surveillance purposes to determine if the ticks in this area are the type that can transmit Lyme disease.

Protect pets. Dogs, cats and other pets can carry ticks that spread Lyme disease, putting people at potential exposure. Pet owners should discuss tick prevention options with their veterinarians such as tick and flea collars or topical medication. Dogs and cats that spend time outdoors in tall grasses should be routinely checked for ticks. Contact a vet if there are concerns.

Maintain property, especially near woodlands. Keep grass mowed short, and trim bushes and tree branches to let in sunlight.

Visit the health unit website (www.hkpr.on.ca) for Lyme prevention resources.

Submitted by HKPRHU

Oh Canada, our true north strong and free

CANADA IS NOW 150 years old! What a wonderful country we live in. Every time I return from visiting another country I always, always feel so fortunate to be a Canadian. Some of us are lucky enough to have been born here; others choose Canada to immigrate to. Regardless, as our prime minister said on Canada Day – it is our diversity that makes us strong.

From sea to sea to sea there are amazing sights to see and experience in Canada.

This summer at Transat Travel we are finding the East Coast – Maritimes, Newfoundland and Labrador are popular destinations. DeNure Tours, a very popular tour company offers great guided tours to the East Coast and we have many clients who are booked to travel with them this summer and fall

LINDA CONEYBEARE
Transat Travel

Alberta and British Columbia are very heavily visited this summer, partially because of the free admission to the National Parks in 2017. Accommodation in Jasper, Lake Louise and Banff were sold out months ago for the peak months of July and August.

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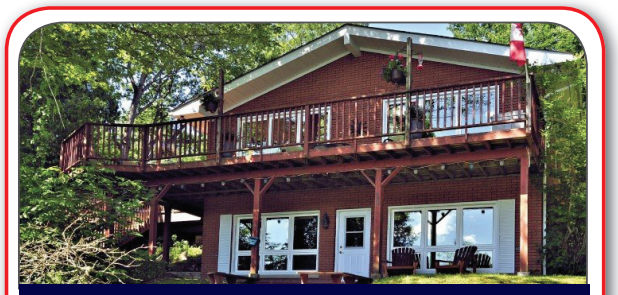
Canada's north is the destination that I hope to visit. From Ottawa, Air North offers direct flights to Yellowknife and Whitehorse. My niece, Katarina, is now living in Whitehorse. The photos she sends are so beautiful, with a mountain always in the background. Even though when winter comes it gets cold, really cold, I would like to visit then. What a great place to experience the Northern Lights!

I was fortunate to see this stunning display in the skies over Iceland, and would love to see them again closer to home - although Iceland is only a five-and-a-half hour flight away. Not so far!

Closer to home, Killarney Provincial Park and Algonquin Park are so beautiful and their stunning scenery is what drew the Group of Seven, and Tom Thomson to paint so many magnificent paintings of these regions of Ontario

I hope everyone is having a great summer – let Machenzie and I know if you are thinking of a winter vacation yet, or cruising in 2018. We are booking Alaska for 2018 season and also the ever popular European River Cruises. In our next column Machenzie will tell you about her recent cruise with Viking River Cruises from Basel to Amsterdam.



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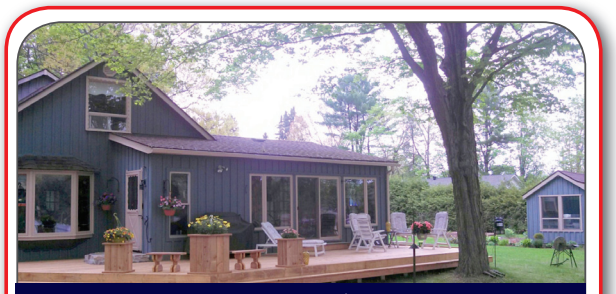

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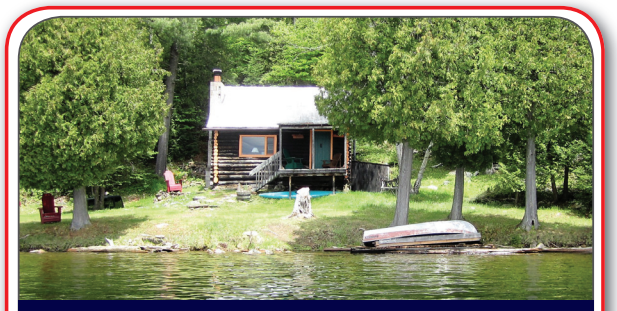

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Boat races to bring excitement to Head Lake

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County Life Staff

Fifty boats will be racing on Head Lake Aug. 19 and 20 as Toronto Outboard Racing Club's Haliburton powerboat races return to the village for its fourth straight year.

"It's an exciting sport to watch," said Barb Hammond, organizer of the event. "These are racers that do a bit of a circuit and the boats are interesting."

Racers coming from as far as Ohio and New York State will be taking part in the competition.

This year, two locals from Haliburton Lake will also be competing in the event – Brandon Sutton and Hammond's son Wesley – both of whom will be sponsored by Youngdale Fuels.

This year's races will also act as a fundraiser for the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary.

The auxiliary will have a booth where attendees can pick up their free event programs and participate in a raffle, with all proceeds going to the organization.

Hammond says there will also be a 50/50 taking place at TORC's banquet the Friday before the event at Pinestone, with proceeds again going to the auxiliary.

This year, the racers are foregoing a day of boat, engine and prop testing that would normally occur on the Friday before the event.

Hammond says the event has also pushed back its start time on Sunday so that they don't distract any church goers.

"We appreciate the impact this has on some of the community members so we try to limit [the noise]," she said.

The festivities will begin at 10 a.m. on Aug. 19 and 11 a.m. Aug. 20. Attendance is free. More info on the event can be found at www.torc.ca.

Racers chase one another during outboard racing on Head Lake last year. This year's event will be Aug. 19 and 20 in Haliburton. /CHAD INGRAM File photo

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Maternity leave has been a catalyst for creativity for Cheryl Smith.

It was while on mat leave with her second child a few years ago that she encountered lifecasting in the forms of newborn hands and feet while visiting family. The process of creating a mould to have a 3D replica of "every adorable line, wrinkle and fold," of hands, feet, pregnant bellies and even pet paws was intriguing to Smith, who wanted to have it done.

"There was nobody locally who did them, so I went to Toronto and got trained," she said.

> *"That's my outlet, that's what I need in my life.*
>
> — Cheryl Smith

Fifteen months later, on maternity leave with her third child, Smith pursued formal training in photography, which had previously been a hobby.

"I've always been interested in photography, I was always taking my camera everywhere I went," she said.

Largely self-taught, though the courses at Sir Sanford Fleming College and through Henry's camera store helped her pick up tips and tricks to add to her portfolio, Smith now specializes in newborn and family photography, offering headshots, event photography, sports photography and a limited number of weddings annually.

"You can't just sit at home," said Smith. "I'm not one who can just sit at home."

The Minden resident is admittedly quite busy, with a full-time job as an early interventionist, three active kids and an upcoming wedding in the works. But instead of having down time during her Fridays off, she said she took the opportunity to use the right side of her brain and help nurture her creativity.

"That's my outlet, that's what I need in my life," said Smith. "Even though it's work, it's another job, it's my passion. I like my [full-time] job so much that [photography] isn't something I can switch over to completely, so it's nice to have that balance."

Part of finding that balance led Smith to recently open a downtown studio on Bobcaygeon Road in Minden, helping set her apart from many area photographers, but also giving her the time and space to set up sessions without having to, as she said, "rip my living room apart." She now schedules appointments in the studio for custom 3D lifecasting and photography.

"It's so nice to have everything in one space," she said.

The studio works well for the crafty themed mini sessions that Smith has become well-known for – for the past five years, families and kids have flocked to her to be part of Easter sessions set amongst bunnies and pastel-coloured Easter eggs, Christmas sessions in front of rustic country-style sets and graduation pics for everyone from kindergarten students to high school grads. She's photographed hockey teams, figure skating groups, T-ball and soccer leagues, and also corporate teams and couple engagements. Adorable photos are always produced from a full session for babies becoming toddlers that starts with a cake smash, when a cake is sat in front of a tot to have free reign over, followed by a "tubby time" session for necessary clean-up.

"Parents love those sessions, and the kids...some love it, some hate it," laughed Smith.

The studio also offers the imaginative photographer a space for the props she has diligently collected over the years, an inventory that needs to be changed over often to be unique for families returning year after year for portraits.

Despite the new studio, Smith said she wouldn't hesitate to meet with a family outside, given the beautiful surroundings of cottage country – many of her group shots show families surrounded by colourful leaves and freshly fallen snow.

A grand opening is being planned for a post-summer date, when Smith will offer fall mini-sessions.

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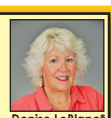

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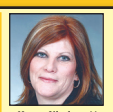

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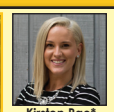

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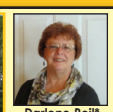

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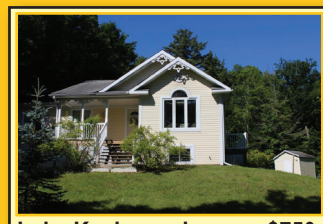

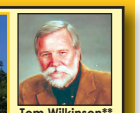

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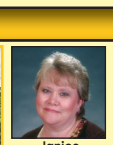

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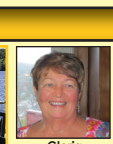

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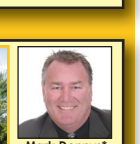

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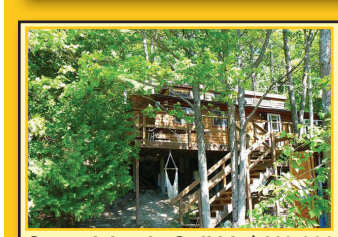

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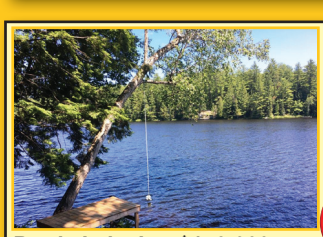

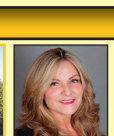

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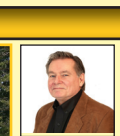

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Museum gets jazzy

Jazz singer Avery Raquel performs for a packed audience on Saturday, July 22 at the Haliburton Highlands Museum. This was the fifth concert in the Jazz at the Museum shows. /DARREN LUM Staff

Travelling Foodie captures flavour of the Haliburton Highlands

JENN WATT

County Life Editor

Crispy calamari, crab cake, escargot, bison striploin with blue cheese – is your mouth watering yet? Raymond Cua, the "travelling foodie" dined on these dishes and many more as he made his way around the Haliburton Highlands on a four-day feast for his blog and social media accounts.

Cua, 30, has recently made culinary tourism his trade, quitting his job with Scotiabank where he was a software development manager, to follow his passion for food and travel.

"My background has nothing to do with this," said bespectacled Cua, sitting in the newspaper office on his last day in Haliburton. "This is passion that became something. My background and what I studied was computer science."

Cua grew up in the Philippines, where his parents own a fast-food restaurant, and moved to Canada in 2006 to attend the University of Waterloo.

Although he has only recently dedicated himself full-time to being the Travelling Foodie, he's been eating and blogging about food for the last three years with increasing success.

"I started Instagram in mid-2014 to post pictures of my travel and that's when it [gained] traction on its own and eventually I branched out to blogs and social media channels," he explained.

Throughout his life he's been taking photos of the things he eats and the adventures he has, so doing the same thing for social media made sense to him. Cua said he's been to "at least" 20 countries, half the states in the U.S. and half the provinces in Canada.

> *One thing I love about cottage country food is ... you'll only find it here.*
>
> — Raymond Cua

This year he's either already been or intends to travel to Halifax, British Columbia, Texas, Stratford, Ont., and Kingston, Ont.

His trip to Haliburton from July 24 to 27 came at the request of Ontario Culinary Tourism Alliance, a non-profit group.

Cua makes his money through multiple streams. There are advertisements on his blog and he also partners with brands and other companies.

Although OCTA asked Cua to come to the Highlands, they did not tell him where to go or what to write. He said he took a list of available restaurants and then did some online research about them to determine which ones would suit the trip. He wanted to visit restaurants that gave a wide range of food experiences from diners to fine dining. During his four days, he went to Molly's Bistro in Minden, Rhubarb and Boshkung Brewing in Carnarvon, Maple Avenue Tap and Grill, La Luna Del Nordo and Baked and Battered in Haliburton and finished it off at the Millpond in Carnarvon.

At each location he would order many dishes to try, which he then photographed and posted as he went.

Aside from the Instagram and Twitter posts, he will also do a full blog post about the Highlands at a later date. His blog posts are usually more thorough, providing a guide to a place, including accommodations and things to do.

"I'm trying to make it [the blog] a one-stop destination for people. If they visit my site and read the guide then they don't have to go anywhere else," he said.

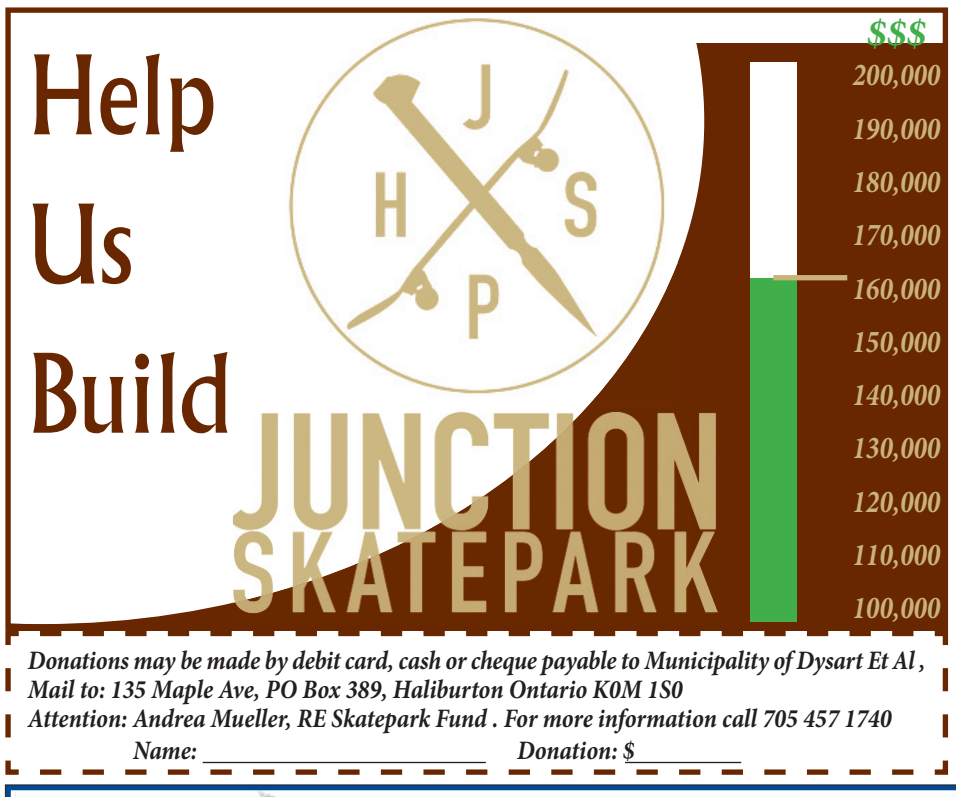
Other food bloggers write about food, but not places, he said. He tries to include both.

If his social media is any indication, Cua will likely write about the Algonquin Highlands log chute, the Haliburton Sculpture Forest and his view of Drag Lake at the Cabins at the Domain.

Cua was somewhat familiar with the Highlands because his aunt used to have a cottage east of the county and he would drive through on his way to visit. However, in general, he said visiting rural areas offered a chance to try more original restaurants.

"One thing I love about cottage country food is ... you'll only find it here," he said.

You can catch up with the Travelling Foodie wherever he is in the world by following him on social media or his blog: travellingfoodie.net.



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AH drops 'reeve' for 'mayor'

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

The title of the head of Algonquin Highlands council will change from "reeve" to "mayor" next month.

Councillors for the township discussed the change during their June 15 meeting.

Chief administrative officer Angie Bird said the move was, "getting up into the current century, really, is what it is."

Council had bandied around the idea of a title change back in 2013, and there was some discussion of the concept during an upper-tier meeting of Haliburton County council last year.

The change will make Algonquin Highlands township the first of the county's four lower-tier municipalities to replace its "reeve" with a "mayor."

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With a portion of the artwork seen over his shoulder, artist Robert VanNood addresses the audience gathered for the official unveiling of Minden's newest mural. The work stretches along two walls of the Minden Beer Store and depicts in the joys of recreational activity in the Highlands through the four seasons. "Robert's subjects depict his passion for the great out of doors, sports and leisure," Master of ceremonies Ross Rigney said. "His unique ability to weave catooning and fine art sensibility together into a seamless whole has made him a much sought after artist." MPP Chris Hodgson praised the work as well, saying the community was proud to have such a talented artist in its midst. The mural is the fifth installation in the Minden area. "This work was over a year and a half in the making," mural chairman Larry Hodgson told the group. "Thank you for hanging in there Robert." The artist thanked the committee for the opportunity to be a part of the mural program, the sponsors who backed the project, his assistants and the Beer Store for providing the space.

New slogan, logo get nod

by Jérry Grozelle

Haliburton County council was asked to endorse the new county image branding design and logo at the August council meeting. Ken Caplan, the design consultant who developed several concept designs, showed the final draft of the logo to council members and explained the evolution of the process that led to the selection of the logo. He presented several design proposals, from which the final selection had been made.

"It was a three-month process," he said. "Residents had opportunity for input. We looked at dozens of design possibilities."

The process culminated with a meeting at the Stanhope Fire Fighters' Hall earlier in August. A few changes were made and the final product was produced.

"It's an exciting motif with a strong, distinctive name style," he said.

He noted that there was strong support for the inclusion of "Highlands" in the name, since it better represents the entire county.

The slogan "Haliburton Highlands... A Natural Work of Art" was chosen from about 80 possible slogans. It was submitted by Snowdon Township resident Wendy Ladurantaye.

Explaining her choice for a slogan, Ladurantaye is quoted as saying, "The public meeting that was held earlier this summer at PineStone Resort, provided an opportunity for the community to consider what we truly value in our county now, as well as the directions in the future. In the past, I have attended meetings with many different purposes, but what is important to residents, seasonal residents and visi-

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Strange lights seen over Gull Lake

by Matthew Sitler

A seasonal Lutterworth resident remains perplexed about what he swears he witnessed late last Thursday night just after 11 p.m.

John Whiteman of Oshawa, was enjoying a soak in his hot tub at the family cottage just off of Deep Bay Road when something in the dark night sky caught his attention."The news had just come on and I was sitting in my hot tub when I first saw it," said the cottager. "The thing was huge. There were about fifty red lights and it had three larger blue-white lights on it." Whiteman said what he saw was neither plane nor conventional aircraft of any sort, but could offer no concrete explanation for the sighting either.

"Those lights were so bright - when they shone, you could see their reflection in the water." Whiteman watched as a completely silent, round unidentified flying object passed slowly over the tree tops of Sugar Island. "This thing looked like a bright red globe and was nothing like I'd ever seen before," he stated adamantly.

After the sighting, Whiteman went down to his dock and watched the night sky for half an hour with his camcorder hoping to catch a further glimpse of the object. Estimated by the witness to have been moving between 25-35 mph, Whiteman said the object was the diameter of a large Ferris Wheel. The red orb of brilliant light moved at a completely steady pace just above tree level before making a smooth turn, heading off towards Highway 35 north into Minden before fading from view.

The sighting has stirred local memories dating back some thirty years to when Minden was a hotbed of UFO sightings. This paper's archive contains a file an inch thick with reports dating from that period.

"To me, this was something completely unbelievable," said Whiteman. When John was ten or twelve, he had a previous UFO sighting in Bowmanville along with four of his friends. "Six or seven flying globes came together forming one object which flew

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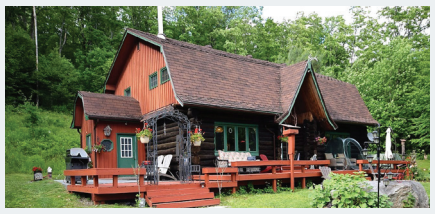

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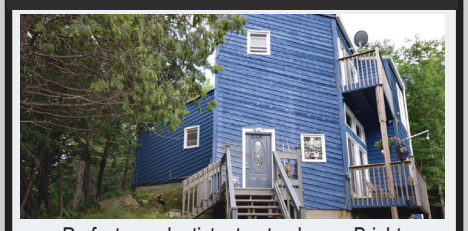

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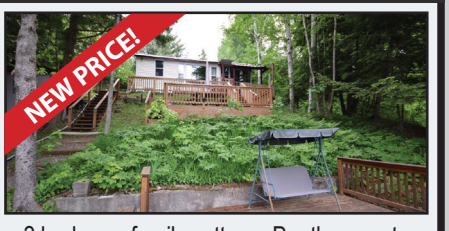

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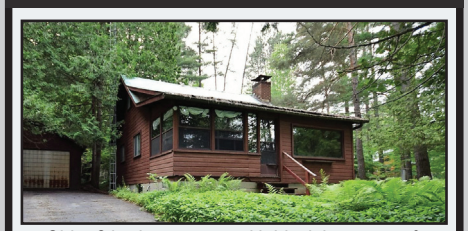

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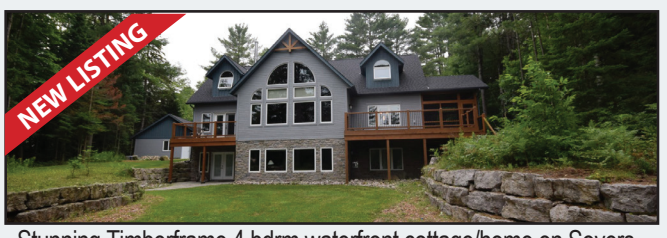

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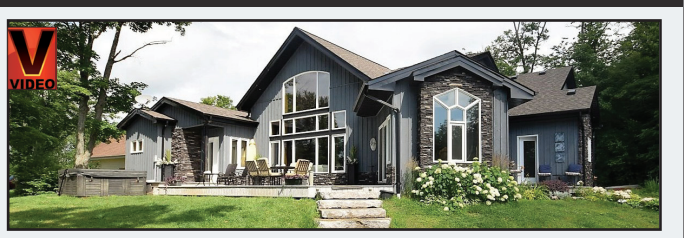

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